## **Language Arts: Classic Story Comic Strips**



Here's a fun project that will gives students practice in summarizing and outlining. Use in conjunction with the reading of a classic book.

\* See the comic strips below based on chapters from "Heidi" and "Rikki Tikki Tavi".

## Supplies:

Lined writing paper
Blank Comic Strip Sheet (See below. Print on white paper.)
Pencils with erasers
Colored pencils or markers
Black markers

## **Directions:**

- 1. Choose a favorite chapter from a classic story book, preferably one WITHOUT illustrations.
- 2. Number from 1-6 on 2 pieces of lined paper, leaving 3-4 spaces between numbers.
- 3. On the first page, write out what will happen in each of the six boxes of the comic strip.
- 4. On the second page, write what will be said in each box.
- 5. Now draw your comic strip based on what you have written. Put dialogue in "bubbles" and be sure to print.
- 6. Color in everything (except the bubbles) with the colored pencils or markers.
- 7. Outline everything with a black marker. Go over the print with the marker, too.
- 8. Creatively write the title of the book and chapter number on the top of the page and your name on the bottom.

\* Here are the comics made by some of my elementary age students:



